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In re Application of
Jane Osbourn et al
Serial No.: 09/817,661
Filed: March 26, 2001
Attorney Docket No.: 084633-000100

: PETITION DECISION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 10, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on February 25, 2003, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on September 23, 2003. Applicants state that they replied on June 25, 2003, including a request and fee for a three month extension of time and provide a copy of the response. The reply has not been located (however the fee was recorded on June 30, 2003, showing receipt of the reply) and the copy of the reply provided with the petition will be utilized. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 703-872-9306.


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